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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 4072

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, MASS, AR

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE USE OF US HELICOPTERS IN GOA ANTI-SUBVERSION
ACTIVITIES

REF: CHAPLIN-RONDON TELCON MAY 31

1. LOCAL PRESS AND WIRE SERVICES HAVE FEATURED STORY OF CONFRONTATION
NIGHT OF MAY 28 BETWEEN POLICE AND MILITARY FORCES AND ALOGED
TERRORISTS IN TOWN OF HAEDO NEAR BUENOS AIRES. MORE THAN 10 TERROR-
ISTS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHERS WOUNDED; SOME
REPORTS GIVE TOTAL OF DEAD AND INJURED AS 16. THERE WERE NO REPORTS
OF CASUALTIES IN THE SECURITY FORCES.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT A MILITARY HELICOPTER WAS USED IN THE
OPERATION, AND STATE THAT IT WAS USED BOTH TO ILLUMINATE THE SCENE
WITH A SPOTLIGHT AND AS A VEHICLE FROM WHICH TO FIRE UPON THE HOUSE
UNDER SIEGE.

3. COMMENT: GOA SECURITY FORCES HAVE PREVIOUSLY USED HELICOPTERS
IN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS IN BOTH URBAN AND RURAL SETTINGS.
THEY HAVE NO HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS. POLICE SOURCE TOLD RSO THIS WAS
FIRST INSTANCE HE KNEW OF AN URBAN OPERATION IN WHICH THERE HAD
BEEN FIRING FROM HELICOPTER, AND IT WAS DEFINITELY DEPARTURE FROM
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE WHICH CALLS FOR USE
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HELICOPTER

FOR ILLUMINATION. (THE MONTE/CHINGOLO BATTLE OF DEC. 75 WAS, OF
COURSE, AN EXCEPTION TO THIS PROCEDURE.) HE WAS UNABLE TO ACCOUNT
FOR REPORT OF FIRING. ARMED FORCES, GENDARMERIE, AND FEDERAL
POLICE ALL HAVE HELICOPTERS, WHICH ARE A MIXTURE OF US, ITALIAN
AND FRENCH MANUFACTURE. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON TYPE OF
HELICOPTER USED IN MAY 28 OPERATION.

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